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SUBJ: EXPORT DOCUMENTATION: CONSULAR INVOICE REQUIREMENT

REF: STATE A-569, JANUARY 20, 1973; STATE A-9561,
NOVEMBER 19, 1973

1. ON DECEMBER 4 EMBOFFS DISCUSSED CONSULAR INVOICE REQUIREMENT WITH ASST SEC OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS SERGIO BARRERA AND LEFT WITH HIM INFORMAL MEMO BASED ON NCITD RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. BARRERA INDICATED THAT GOP POSITION ON CONSULAR INVOICES HAS NOT CHANGED. GOP REGARDS CONSULAR INVOICE AS ESSENTIAL FOR STATISTICAL GATHERING PURPOSES AND AS AID TO BUREAU OF CUSTOMS FOR IMPORT PROCESSING. BARRERA POINTED OUT THAT GOP VIEWS CONSULAR INVOICE AS BENEFICIAL TO EXPORTER BECAUSE IT HELPS PRECLUDE DELAYS IN IMPORT WITHDRAWALS THAT MIGHT OCCUR IF COMMERCIAL INVOICE ALONE WERE USED AND BECAUSE IT PROVIDES CUSTOMS OFFICER WITH BASIS TO ESTABLISH "HOME CONSUMPTION VALUE" WHICH UNDER PHILIPPINE TARIFF CODE IS DUTIABLE VALUE.

3. BARRERA SAID HE WOULD WELCOME ANY SUGGESTIONS AS TO CHANGES IN PRESENT CONSULAR INVOICE THAT WOULD ASSIST US EXPORTERS TO MORE EASILY COMPLETE FORM. BARRERA ALSO INDICATED THAT DFA CONSIDERING CHANGE UPWARD IN MINIMUM EXPORT VALUE FOR WHICH CONSULAR INVOICE NECESSARY.

COMMENT: EMBASSY BELIEVES THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT GOP WILL ELIMINATE CONSULAR INVOICE REQUIREMENT IN UNCLASSIFIED

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FORSEEABLE FUTURE. HOWEVER, POSSIBILITY DOES EXIST FOR

MODIFICATION OF CONSULAR INVOICE FORM AND WE WILL BE
PLEASED TO PASS ON TO BARRERA ANY SUGGESTIONS COMMERCE
DEPT. OR NCITD MAY HAVE.
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